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MICROFABRICATED, FLOWTHROUGH POROUS APPARATUS FOR

DISCRETE DETECTION OF BINDING REACTIONS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. A check in payment of the additional claim fees is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that are required to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Please amend the application as follows:

Please carried claims 1 to 20 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add the following IN THE CLAIMS: claims:

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1958,00 pp of detecting a binding reaction between a binding reagent and a -21. binding target, comprising:

contacting a sample suspected of containing a binding target with a substrate comprised of: (i) oppositely facing first and second major surfaces, (ii) a multiplicity of discrete channels extending through said substrate from said first major surface to said second major surface, and (iii) at least a first binding reagent immobilized on the walls of at least a first group of said channels and (iv) at least a